

Making College Affordable

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Ways to Pay/ Save for College

- ▶ You can pay out of pocket but why? It's so expensive! But there are ways to make it affordable!
 - ▶ FAFSA/WASFA
 - ▶ Scholarships
 - ▶ Grants
 - ▶ Taking Dual Enrollment Courses
 - ▶ Seattle Promise
 - ▶ WUE

FAFSA

- ▶ Stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- ▶ Official form to apply for federal financial aid to pay for college
- ▶ This can determine how you can receive money
 - ▶ Scholarships
 - ▶ Grants
 - ▶ Work Study
 - ▶ Can have opportunity to have a job at the college
 - ▶ Loans
 - ▶ Subsidized (Govt. pays interest while you are in school and during any grace periods and based on financial need) and Unsubsidized (accrue right away and not covered by the federal government)

WASFA

- ▶ The Washington State Application for Financial Aid
 - ▶ For those who don't file FAFSA
 - ▶ If you did FAFSA, you do not need to do WASFA unless your school suggests
 - ▶ For State Aid only
 - ▶ If you are undocumented (immigration status) or don't qualify for federal

Scholarships

- ▶ By Definition: A grant or payment made to support a student's education, awarded based on academic or other achievement; a grant-in-aid to a student
 - ▶ Academics
 - ▶ Sports
 - ▶ Financial Need/Hardship
- ▶ Each year it is shocking that students don't take advantage of scholarships. It is free money that you don't have to pay back.
 - ▶ Here at Roosevelt we have scholarships that specifically cater to our students!
 - ▶ Golden Grads-10 scholarships based on merit, service, and or arts
 - ▶ RARE-BIPOC/Minority students-2
 - ▶ Don Harney-2 scholarships in Sports participation
 - ▶ William Roberge-2 scholarships-football program
 - ▶ Don Strom-Jane La Fazio-Participation in the arts

Grants

Pros

- ▶ Grants don't need to be repaid
- ▶ Possible to get more based on financial need
- ▶ Provides opportunities for students coming from a low-income family or community to pursue high education
- ▶ Application process is more straight forward versus scholarships

Cons

- ▶ Fewer grant options because they are mostly based on financial need
- ▶ Can be highly competitive
- ▶ Not always enough to pay college expenses
- ▶ More restrictions with funds from grants

Applying for Grants starts with Filling out the FAFSA!

Taking Dual Enrollment Courses

- ▶ Taking College Level Courses and earning credit can certainly lessen your tuition bill
- ▶ What is Dual Enrollment?: Courses that you can earn both high school and college credits
 - ▶ CIHS- Courses that are linked with UW or Seattle Community Colleges
 - ▶ AP Courses- Taking the test and earning a 3 or higher
 - ▶ Running Start- Taking courses at one of the colleges in the area
 - ▶ Some students even do Running Start for 11th and 12th grade full time and earn their associates.

Seattle Promise

- ▶ A college Tuition Success Program launched by Seattle Colleges, Seattle Public Schools, and the City of Seattle
 - ▶ Free Tuition at any Seattle College-North, Central, and South
 - ▶ Equity scholarships-provides flexible funding to students, books, transportation, housing, etc. for those with financial need
 - ▶ Student Support and Advising beginning junior year of high school and lasting through completion of a degree, certificate, credential, or transfer to a four-year school

All graduating seniors attending Seattle public high schools are eligible for the Seattle Promise program regardless of grade point average (GPA), income, ability, or country of birth!

WUE

- ▶ The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is a tuition-savings program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for students.
 - ▶ Reduced tuition Rate
 - ▶ 160+ schools which includes 15 states- Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Washington, North Dakota, South Dakota, Mariana Islands, Guam, Montana, Idaho

Now that we know how to make college affordable, any questions?